

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY LOCAL ASSISTANCE MONITORING BRANCH

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March 5, 2009

Ms. Edith W. Norris Project Director YWCA of San Gabriel Valley 943 North Grand Ave Covina, CA 91724



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SUBJECT: AUDIT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

Dear Ms. Norris:

On January 1, 2009, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services merged with the Office of Homeland Security to form the new California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

CalEMA has received and reviewed the above-referenced audit reports for YWCA of San Gabriel Valley.

In reviewing the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, there was a Management Letter dated December 29, 2008, regarding certain matters involving internal control over financial reporting (page 22), that was not included in the package. Per Recipient Handbook Section 8217, "Audit reports, which refer to a management letter, are required to submit a copy of the management letter along with the audit report to OES."

Please provide CalEMA a copy of the Management Letter by March 16, 2009. The requested information should be forwarded to the attention of Roni Armstrong at:

> California Emergency Management Agency Local Assistance Monitoring Branch 3640 Schriever Avenue Mather, CA 95655

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Roni Armstrong, CalEMA Local Assistance Monitoring Branch, at (916) 845-8115 or Roni.Armstrong@oes.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL BALDWIN **BRANCH CHIEF**

cc: Subgrantee File DV08231219



An Accountancy Corporation Certified Public Accountants

December 29, 2008

To the Board of Directors YWCA of San Gabriel Valley 943 N. Grand Covina, Ca 91724

During the course of our audit of the Organization's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008, the following items came to our attention:

WINGS – The month of April 2008 CalWorks grant was tested for compliance and was
determined to be under billed for certain services provided and over billed for other services
provided. We calculated a net of 12 service units overbilled. The billing report and the
service sheet data reports are not being reconciled. Other months were not tested to
determine other billing differences.

We recommend control totals be used to compare the number of services provided with the number of services billed and these should be reviewed by the program director and case managers. The total number of service units should be calculated and compared with the total service units billed. Non billable services, if any, should be separated from billable services and calculated as reconciling items.

RESPONSE: A new contract management system was put in place in June 2008. Billings are now prepared from the service data reports, so a reconciliation of the service data reports and the billings occurs with each billing. The Contract Manager prepares the billings, and the Program Director oversees the process, connecting with case managers as needed.

Intervale – The month of May 2008 Nutrition Reimbursement and USDA Entitlement grant
was tested for compliance and was determined to have a net overbilling of \$331.24 resulting
from clerical errors. An overcharge for 128 meals served and an undercharge for 30 home
delivered meals for a net of 98 meals overbilled. Other months were not tested to determine
other billing variances.

We recommend that meal delivery sheets be recalculated. Weekly report totals should be recalculated and the calculation should agree with the control total of the delivery sheets. Congregate sign in sheets should be recalculated.

RESPONSE: A new on-line billing system is now required by the County, which reduces the possibility of clerical error. Each meal by individual is entered into the on-line system and all totals are automatically calculated. The implementation of the new system began in July 2008. Side-by-side testing of old and new systems is complete in January 2009, with only the automated on-line system to be used after that point. There is still the possibility of clerical error in data entry, so an additional level of double checking has been initiated.

 The Accounting and Financial Policies and Procedures manual states accrued leave is required to be recorded. Accrued vacation has not been recorded in the financials. An audit adjustment was recorded in this year's audit along with a prior period adjustment for prior years.

We recommend that accrued vacation be adjusted on a monthly basis.

RESPONSE: The YWCA San Gabriel Valley will adjust accrued vacation on a monthly basis, as recommended.

4. Due to changes in personnel, the indirect cost allocation policy was unavailable when the county monitored the Title III C-1 program. This resulted in \$93,893 being required to be repaid to the County. Revised reports were submitted to the County, but due to the closing of the County and State fiscal years, the revised reports to date have been denied.

We recommend a new proposed indirect cost allocation policy be submitted to the County for approval. The indirect cost allocation policy should be included in the Accounting and Financial Policies and Procedures manual and the grant accounting software should be updated in accordance with the indirect cost allocation plan.

RESPONSE: Subsequent to June 30, 2008, the YWCA contracted with James Gladfelter, CPA to serve as an outside CPA to help with the organization and structure of the fiscal department. One of the critical assignments for Mr. Gladfelter was to help the YWCA develop an overall Agency allocation policy, including the allocation of shared and indirect costs. This new policy has been prepared. We are in the process of finalizing the methods for allocation of shared and indirect costs, which will then be submitted to the County for approval. In addition, the outside CPA has developed systems and procedures, including a Fiscal Checklist that is being used to monitor the fiscal operations of the agency on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. This, along with the new procedure for reviewing all grants on a monthly basis, will insure that the YWCA is aware of the status of all grant revenues and expenditures so that proper actions may be taken to avoid this issue in the future.

If you should wish to consult us on these or any other matters, please feel free to contact us,

Yours truly,

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March 17, 2009

Ms. Edith W. Norris Project Director YWCA of San Gabriel Valley 943 North Grand Ave Covina, CA 91724

SUBJECT: AUDIT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

Dear Ms. Norris:

CalEMA has received and reviewed the requested December 29, 2008, Management Letter, related to the above-referenced audit report for YWCA of San Gabriel Valley.

Management's responses to each of the findings in the Management Letter were reviewed noting what appears to be viable corrective actions to resolve each finding. By copy of this letter, we consider the above subject audit report review closed as it appears the deficiencies have no direct impact upon CalEMA grants.

However, concern regarding the findings identified by the auditor is noted due to the potential for future cross cutting impact upon CalEMA grants. As such, we strongly recommend implementation of the auditors' recommendations in order to enhance internal controls over financial reporting, as well as ensure compliance with the maintenance of accurate accounting records going forward. Please ensure that future audit reports include a copy of any/all related management letters.

Thank you for your cooperation as well as your diligence in addressing program deficiencies in a timely manner. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Roni Armstrong, CalEMA Local Assistance Monitoring Branch, at (916) 845-8115 or Roni.Armstrong@oes.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL BALDWIN

BRANCH CHIEF

cc: Subgrantee File DV08231219

☐ File ☐ Follow-up Letter & File ☐ Suspense Audit Rep	ort Review Form	☐ Closed Control # <u>04498</u>
Subrecipient Name: YWCA of San Gabriel Valley		Fiscal Year Ended: 06/30/08
Grant Name: Domestic Violence Assistance Program		Grant # DV08231219
Date Received by OES: Rec'd w/i 9 months? 03/02/08	Review Date: 03/04/09	Review Performed By: Roni Armstrong
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